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SUBJECT: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING, OCTOBER 23, 1975 (SALT TWO-827)

1. ARTICLE II.1 (ICBM LAUNCHER DEFINITION); DRAFTING GROUP DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON DIFFERENCES IN US AND SOVIET PROPOSED DEFINITIONS OF ICBM LAUNCHERS. USSR SUPPORTED PLURAL FORM, AND US SINGULAR FORM, EACH CITING PRECEDENTS IN SALT ONE AGREEMENTS AND NEW AGREEMENT. KARPOV THOUGHT THAT PLACEMENT OF WORDS "LAND-BASED" COULD BE AGREED, GIVEN RESOLUTION OF OTHER ISSUES IN PARAGRAPH 1.

2. KARPOV CLAIMED THAT US PHRASE "ANY LAND-BASED DEVICE WHICH CAN BE USED" COULD LEAD TO "COLOSSAL DIFFICULTIES" IN FUTURE, IN VIEW OF ITS SUBJECTIVE NATURE. KARPOV REPEATEDLY ASKED WHAT US HAD IN MIND. KLOSSON SAID FIRST PART OF PHRASE ("ANY LAND-BASED DEVICE") WAS TO AVOID TAUTOLOGICAL REPETITION OF TERM "LAUNCHER", AND SECOND PART ("WHICH CAN BE USED") MEANT WHAT IT SAID. KLOSSON EXPLAINED THAT US CONCERN RELATED TO FUTURE POSSIBILITIES CONNECTED WITH ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY, NOT TO CURRENT DEVICES WHICH DO NOT HAVE CAPABILITY TO LAUNCH ICBMS. FUTURE POSSIBILITIES MIGHT RELATE TO EXISTING LAUNCHERS, EXISTING NON-ICBM LAUNCHERS,

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OR SOMETHING NOT NOW FORESEEABLE. HE EXPLAINED THAT SIDES

SHOULD HAVE POSSIBILITY OF RAISING FUTURE QUESTIONS IN THIS REGARD IN PERIOD THROUGH 1985.

3. REFERRING TO SOVIET LANGUAGE FOR PARAGRAPH 1, KLOSSON ASKED WHETHER, IF A LAUNCHER HAD LAUNCHED A MISSILE OF RANGE OVER 5500 KMS., IT WOULD FOLLOW THAT ANY OTHER LAUNCHER OF THE SAME TYPE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AN ICBM LAUNCHER. KARPOV REPLIED THAT SOVIET PROPOSAL USED PLURAL FORM; PRECEEDING FROM THIS, IF ANY LAUNCHER WAS FOR LAUNCHING STRATEGIC BALLISTIC MISSILE OVER 5500 KMS, THEN ALL THOSE LAUNCHERS WITH SUCH CHARACTERISTICS SHOULD BE COUNTED. DURING SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION KARPOV WAS RELUCTANT TO REPEAT THIS ASSERTION OR TO REPLY MORE DIRECTLY TO SAME QUESTION.

4. ARTICLE X (NEW SYSTEMS BANS): US TABLED LANGUAGE FOR SUB-PARAGRAPH (D) (ORBITAL SYSTEMS) IDENTICAL TO TEXT IN AMBASSADOR JOHNSON'S OCTOBER 22 STATEMENT, PLUS RUSSIAN TRANSLATION OF US SUBPARAGRAPH (C) (SEABED SYSTEMS).

4. NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28. JOHNSON

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